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SUBJECT: DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP) - LEG 42B,  
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OPERATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA, 21 MAY - 11 JUNE 1975

REF: A. ANKARA 03797 (ISTANBUL ONLY)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (A) FOLLOWING UPDATED SUMMARY IS PROVIDED: DRILLING VESSEL (D/V) GLOMAR CHALLENGER PLANS DEPART ISTANBUL, TURKEY, ON 21 MAY TO UNDERTAKE SCIENTIFIC DEEP SEA DRILLING OPERATIONS AT FOUR SITES IN BLACK SEA AND TO RETURN TO ISTANBUL ON 11 JUNE. PRIOR TO ENTERING BLACK SEA SHIP WILL HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIMILAR STUDY IN MEDITERRANEAN. VESSEL IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY GLOBAL MARINE, INC. UNDER DIRECTION OF SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY CONTRACT FROM NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. MAIN OBJECTIVE OF UPCOMING LEG OF DSDP PROJECT IS TO CONTINUOUSLY CORE UPPER 500 METERS OF SEDIMENT AT FOUR SITES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MOST COMPLETE PLEISTOCENE RECORD RET OBTAINED FROM OCEAN SEDIMENTS. ALL RESEARCH IS UNCLASSIFIED AND RESULTS WILL BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED. ALL PROPOSED DRILLING SITES ARE OUTSIDE CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS, FISHING ZONES AND CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF ALL BLACK SEA COASTAL STATES.

PENETRATION OF OCEAN BOTTOM AT ALL SITES WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS. ALL SITES HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO AVOID ENCOUNTERING HYDROCARBONS DURING DRILLING. IF

ANY INDICATIONS OF HYDROCARBONS ARE OBTAINED DURING DRILLING, DRILL HOLES ARE CEMENTED UP AND ABANDONED. SCIENTISTS FROM FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, U.S., AND USSR WILL BE ABOARD VESSEL. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE POSTS WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ANSWER POSSIBLE INQUIRIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND/OR PRESS REGARDING OPERATIONS OF VESSEL. IF ACTION ADDRESSEES DECIDE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF VESSEL'S OPERATIONS,

THEY SHOULD DO SO ON A LOW-KEY INFORMAL BASIS. IT IS

ESSENTIAL THAT ANY SUCH "INFORMING" PROCESS CAN IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED TO BE A "NOTIFICATION" PROCESS. CURRENT U.S. LAW-OF-THE-SEA POLICY PRECLUDES ANY SUCH "NOTIFICATION" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION" OF U.S. ACTIVITIES ON HIGH SEAS. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT (1) OF ANY ACTION TAKEN TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND (2) OF ANY PRESS OR OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON GLOMAR CHALLENGER'S OPERATIONS IN BLACK SEA. END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF VESSEL ARE AS FOLLOWS: NAME OF MASTER IS CAPT. LLOYD DILL; CREW

NUMBERS APP. 45. SCIENTIFIC PARTY INCLUDES SCIENTISTS LISTED BELOW AND APP. 12 TECHNICIANS. LENGTH IS 400 FT.; BEAM, 65 FT; DRAFT, 20 FT; DISPLACEMENT, 10,500 LONG TONS; PROPULSION, TWIN-SCREW DIESEL ELECTRIC, TOTAL HP 10,000. VESSEL'S CALL LETTERS ARE WNCU; VESSEL MONITORS 500 KHZ AND UTILIZES 2182 VOICE. SHIP'S AGENT IN ISTANBUL IS OYMAN SAYER, URGUPLU SOKAK NO. 6/2, YESILYURT; TELEX 22588 MOL TR; TELEPHONES 739332 - 739883.

### 3. ITINERARY OF VESSEL:

ARRIVE	LOCATION	DEPART
21 MAY	ISTANBUL	21 MAY
23 MAY	DRILL SITE B-1 (EUXINE ABYSSAL PLAIN)	28 MAY
29 MAY	DRILL SITE B-2 (SOUTHWEST BLACK SEA, BASIN APRON OFF BOSPORUS)	31 MAY
1 JUNE	DRILL SITE B-4 (WESTERN BLACK SEA, FOOT OF BASIN SLOPE)	4 JUNE
5 JUNE	DRILL SITE B-3 (SOUTHWEST BLACK SEA, BASIN SLOPE OFF TURKEY)	8 JUNE
11 JUNE	ISTANBUL	13 JUNE

### DRILL SITE INFORMATION (IN ORDER OF ABOVE ITINERARY):

SITE	LAT/LONG	SEDIMENT	
		WATER DEPTH	PENETRATION
B-1	43 DEG 06'N		
	36 DEG 30'E	2160M	500M OR MORE
B-2			
B-2	42 DEG 07'N		
	29 DEG 35'E	2100M	500M OR MORE

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B-3	42 DEG 52'N		
	28 DEG 57'E	1600M	500M OR LESS

B-4	41 DEG 36'N		
	30 DEG 33'E	1750M	500M

DRILL SITE NOTES; DRILL STIES B-1 AND B-2 ARE PRIORITY 1 AND SITES B-3 AND B-4 ARE PRIORITY 2.

4. SCIENTIFIC PARTY IS AS FOLLOWS: DR. D. ROSS (CO-CHIEF SCIENTIST), WOODS HOLE; DR. U. NEPROCHNOV (CO-CHIEF SCIENTIST), SHIRSHOV INSTIT OF OCEANOLOGY; DR. K. J. HSU, GEOLOGISCHES INST. ZURICH; DR. P. STOFERS, LABORTORIUM FUR SEDIMENTFORSCHUNG; DR. P. SPUKO, DSDP; DR. E. A. TRIMONIS, SHRISHOV INSTIT OF OCEANOLOGY; DR. S. PERCIVAL,

MOBIL OIL; DR. A. ERIKSON, U. OF GEORGIA; DR. E .T.  
DEGENF, GEOLOGICAL PALEONTOLOGICAL, HAMBURG; DR. J. HUNT,  
WOODS HOLE; DR. FRANK MANHEIM, U. OF FLORIDA; DR. EM  
EMELYANOV, ATLANTIC BRANCH OF SHIRSHOV INSTIT OF OCEANO-  
LOGY; DR. M. SENALP, MTA PETROL, ANKARA; DR. A. TRAVERSE,  
PENN STATE U.

5. DR. DAVID ROSS WILL CONTACT CONSUL GENERAL ON HIS

ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL ON AFTERNOON OF 20 MAY ON PAN  
AMERICAN FLIGHT NO. 2. HE PRESENTLY HAS RESERVATIONS  
AT HOTEL CINAR IN ISTANBUL. DR. ROSS CAN PROVIDE ADDI-  
TIONAL INFORMATION ON LEG 42B OF DSDP AND ON POSSIBILITY  
OF CONDUCTING TOURS ON BOARD VESSEL WHILE IT IS IN  
ISTANBUL IN JUNE. IF TOURS ARE SCHEDULED, DEPARTMENT  
WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE LIST OF NAMES, NATIONALITIES,  
AND RANKS/POSITIONS OF VISITORS. KISSINGER

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